

Beaver Creek Fire

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Daily Release

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Beaver Creek Fire Hot Spots Becoming Active with Change in Weather

(WALDEN, Colo.) July 5, 2016 – The moisture received in the area has begun to evaporate. With lower humidity firefighters on the Beaver Creek Fire have witnessed smoldering fire behavior change to open flames. Gusty afternoon winds increased fire activity on both the northwest and east sides of the fire. Crews installed water bars and rehabilitated disturbed soil near structures. Heavy equipment including dozers and graders continued to improve escape routes in the event of fire movement.

Today firefighters will patrol structures for hot spots. The small amount of rain received overnight will quickly dry out this morning increasing open flame burning in pockets of unburned fuel and on the edges of the fire. Crews are heavily focused on rehabilitation but expect to see fire movement in the coming days as the weather transitions.

Afternoon thunderstorms are not expected to provide wetting rains but are predicted to bring wind gusts to 25 mph and shifts in wind direction to the area. Temperatures will range from 70-75F with humidity dropping to 25-30%. Southwest winds from 10-15 mph will dry fuels.

Deputy Incident Commander Rob Powell asked firefighters, "to share the knowledge they gained about fuels and weather patterns with incoming crews. Take your safety experience with you back out onto the line today especially as the fire enters a period of transition in weather."

A community meeting will be held Tuesday July 5th at the Wattenburg Center, 686 County Rd 42 in Walden, Colorado from 6-7pm.

Fire Facts:

Acres Burned: 13,275

Firefighters Assigned: 270

Percent Contained: 5%

Located 15 miles northwest of Walden, CO

Evacuation Orders remain in place

For information regarding structure damage or loss, call Jackson County Sheriff's Office 970-723-4242

Cause under investigation: information or tips call U.S. Forest Service Officer Hannah Nadeau 307-343-2335

Closures orders for U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands can be found at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4797/>

Information posting: Twitter at: @FS_MBRTB, hashtag #BeaverCreekFire. Facebook: Beaver Creek Fire.

Official information on the fire is being disseminated via Inciweb: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4797/>

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